# The Delaware Crossing Patriot
## Kansas Society
## Sons of the American Revolution
**August 2024**
**Metro Kansas City's Oldest & Largest Chapter, Founded 1960**


*The Revolution is coming!*
*One Year- Eleven Months - Four Days*

**NEXT MEETING:**
**When**: August 17, 2024

**Where**: Hilton Garden Inn. 12080 Strang Line Road, Olathe, KS 66062, 9:00am

**Reservations & Cost**: For reservations, email Secretary@dxsar.com or call Clay Shropshire 785-521-8122 by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, August 13, 2024.

**Cost**: **$27.00/person**

**Program:** Sarah Ruddell Davis by John Forbes

## CALENDAR & COMING EVENTS

### August 2024
3 BOG Meeting
14 DX EC Meeting
17 DX Chapter Meeting

### September 2024
18 DX EC Meeting
21 DX Chapter Meeting

### October 2024
16 DX EC Meeting
19 DX Chapter Meeting

## The President's Corner

By Ken Ludwig

It is election season again. Primaries in Kansas are on August 6th, and it is about 90 days to the general election. It is a strange year with the attempted assassination of a candidate followed by a candidate dropping out seemingly at the last minute, throwing everything into chaos. The advent of Artificial Intelligence, plus other bad actor governments meddling in our election process through social media and deep fakes truly will make it hard to discern the truth and be able to decide who to vote for.

I encourage you all to vote both in the primaries and in the general election and do your best to elect the best candidate at all levels of our government.

If you are like me, you are spending your evenings watching the Olympics. Our media probably hides a lot from us, but on the surface, it looks like all the athletes from all these countries get along during the event. I wish their respective governments would get along as good as their teams do.

The only other thing I would like to share this month is that I recently received an email notifying me that the South Central District annual meeting of the Sons of the American will be held in Joplin Missouri on August 23 and 24th. It probably will not be any closer to home than this for quite a while. If you are interested, please contact me and I can forward the information.

Stay cool in this summer heat!

*Certificates of Appreciation are presented by Clay Shropshire to Terry Megli and Robert Lofthouse.*

*Robert Lofthouse discusses the 2025 GWBC.*

## "Two Stitches and a Patch"

Our VP of Programs had been advised that the Guest Speaker for our July Chapter Meeting was to be Rob Lofthouse of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter who would present a program on a book he co-authored entitled "Stiches and a Patch". So that is what was printed in the Patriot Newsletter and on the Printed Program.

When Rob arrived, he was accompanied by two gentlemen. A bit later, Dewey Fry introduced himself to one, he stated his name to be Terry Megli, and the he stated I am presenting the program on my book "Stiches and a Patch".

Dr. Terry Megli was the primary author of the book aided by Rob Lofthouse. Then it was disclosed there would be two presentations. One by Rob Lofthouse on the 2024 George Washington Birthday Celebration and the other on the book.

As President Ken Ludwig was out of town and Vice President Kirk Rush was otherwise committed, the duty of hosting the meeting fell on Secretary Clay Shropshire, who had never conducted a DX Chapter Meeting and just returned from a business trip. Not having a Printed Program to distribute at the meeting turned out to be a blessing as it would have shown only Rob Lofthouse as the program. Having only one Certificate of Appreciation, which was for Robert Lofthouse, proved a bit embarrassing, but Dr. Terry Megli accepted our apologizes and one was later sent to him via Rob Lofthouse.

Rob Lofthouse made his presentation about the 2025 GWBC first. It will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO on Saturday February 22, 2025, the anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Reservations will not be limited as was the condition for this year.

George Washington was born on February 11, 1732 of the Julian Calendar. When the calendar was changed to the Gregorian Calendar in 1751, 11 days were dropped from the middle of September. After that George Washington always celebrated his birthday as February 22.

Rob Lofthouse also spoke about his patriot ancestor as our Patriot Biography presentation.

Dr. Terry Megli did present the main program with participation by Rob Lofthouse who would ask predetermined questions, periodically, as a prompt for Dr. Megli.

The book “Stiches and a Patch” is gaining significant notoriety with professionals in the treatment of persons who suffer from grief and depression. The book is a guide in the use of biblical scripture and teachings in that treatment. Among the subjects it covers is dealing with death, prior to, during, and after its occurrence. Dr. Megli had problems with this himself and felt the need to address it, writing the book was his treatment which aided him greatly and is now a guide for others to be treated be it by a professional or simply using the book themselves.

*Terry Megli .*

## Delaware Crossing Annual Picnic

The Chapter Picnic will be on Saturday September 21 at Antioch Park in Merriam. During August an announcement will be emailed to members of Delaware Crossing Chapter and to the Presidents of the Monticello and Henry Leavenworth Chapters. In addition to those SAR Chapter, local CAR Societies and Boy Scouts participating in the Flag Retirement Ceremony will be invited.

Invitations will be issued to the local DAR chapters of the NE District to participate in the Flag Retirement Ceremony.

Shelter House No. 1, where we will again be located, has been totally rebuilt. It has more space and easier access. Where the serving tables have been in the open sun, or rain, in the past, they can now be under the shelter. There are electrical outlets on every post, in the past they have been on one location and half not working.

Mark your calendar and plan to come on September 21 and enjoy the new shelter as well as the food, the comradery, and the ceremonies.

*Alan Martin, Jeffrey Winters, Clay Shropshire and John More.*

## Your Color Guardsmen at Work

Since last month there has been two events. The first was the Lenexa Community Days Parade on the 4th of July. DX member Clay Shropshire and dual members Alan Martin and Jeffrey Winters participated as well as John More of the Charles Robinson Chapter. Alan Martin was Commander that day. It was too warm to wear coats, note the rehydrating during a short pause. Deb Martin, wife of Alan carried the water in a cooler for them, took the opportunity to give them water and take a photo during the brief stoppage.

The other event was the Presentation of the Colors at the Monarchs baseball game at Legends Field in Kansas City, KS on Friday July 19. Those participating in order were Dewey Fry of DX commanding, Alan Martin of MC, Jeffrey Winters of MC, Tom Chychota of Henry Leavenworth, Clay Shropshire of DX, and Vernon Welkner of HL. This was arranged by Rob Lofthouse of the Henry Leavenworth Chapter as a HL Chapter event. There was a very good introduction of us as the Kansas Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard with a brief description of the purpose of SAR. The Color Guard was given a very significant applause as is left the field and many favorable comments as we exited the field up the stadium steps.

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